Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Jack and Jo Mitchell exchanged their wedding vows on February 19, 1955, at a church in Illinois; and,

Whereas, Jack and Jo gave life and love to two children: Teresa and John, and have enjoyed the love and joys of two perfect grandchildren, Julia and Robert, one grand dog, Horton, and two grand cats, Whampus and Jocko; and,

Whereas, Jack spent 40 years in the Selective Service, loves the Cubbies, is known as "Jocko" the Shrine clown, a Master Mason, an avid Post 8 baseball fan and Jack, himself, still maintains a .500 batting average, and loves all things related to airplanes and airports as the family can attest to having visited many across the country on family vacations; and,

Whereas, Jo is known to many as a saint (no offense, Jack), a Job's Daughter, loves to read, makes great scalloped potatoes and not so great apple pie, has the most forgiving heart and strong faith that there is goodness in everyone, and will willingly perform her high school fight song upon request; and,

Whereas, Family and friends will join Jack and Jo in Arizona on February 19, 2005, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of a devoted couple who have shared life's beauty and sorrow and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of the state South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 19, 2005, as

JACK & JO MITCHELL DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State